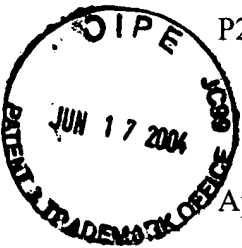


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In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, 1.97-1.98,

Applicants hereby call the following documents to the Examiner's attention:

JP 11-312327 to Kato MORIKAZU et al., laid-open on November 9, 1999, which is accompanied by an English language translation of the Abstract. This document is cited, for example, on page 2 of the specification;

JP 2000-131603 to Yamamoto KENJI et al., laid-open on May 12, 2000, which is accompanied by an English translation of the Abstract. This document is cited on page 19 of the specification;

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U.S. Patent No. 5,835,463 to TESHIROGI et al., which issued on November 10, 1998;

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U.S. Patent No. 6,330,213 to ISHIBASHI et al., which issued on December 11, 2001;

U.S. Patent No. 6,611,480 to ISHIBASHI et al., which issued on August 26, 2003; and

U.S. Patent No. 6,339,566 to KISHIMOTO et al., which issued on January 15, 2002.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider and cite the above-noted documents.

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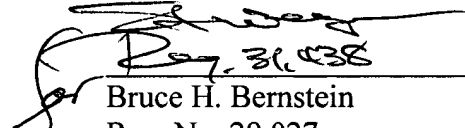
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Copies of the foreign documents and English translations of the Abstracts are enclosed. All of the references have been listed on a PTO-1449 Form, which is also attached hereto. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate space on the attached PTO-1449 Form and to return a copy of the Form to Applicants with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of this document.

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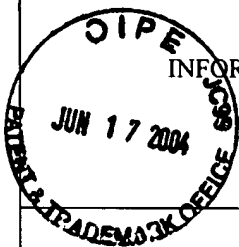


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